

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION Presents

THE BOB GOUGH TSA RACE OF CHAMPIONS 2024

**Organizing Authority
Fort Worth Boat Club, 10000 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76179
March 2 – 3, 2024**

POSTED February 24, 2024

Event Gate Code: 7245# (SAIL#)

Sailing Instructions will be provided ONLINE at the regattanetwork.com website. All competitors are encouraged to download and view the sailing instructions on their mobile devices. A courtesy copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board outside the Doggie Room.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The *rules* for all classes are modified so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.3 Racing Rules 61.1(a), Protest Requirements and Appendix A2, Scoring Systems are modified for this series.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.
- 1.5 The organizing authority for this event will be the Fort Worth Boat Club.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the lower FWBC Offices (Doggie Room)

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) affecting Saturday racing, will be posted on the official notice board 20 minutes after the Mandatory Skippers Meeting on Saturday. Changes affecting Sunday Racing will be posted at least two (2) hours before the first race of the day, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted by 2000 on the day before they take effect.

4. BOATS, EQUIPMENT AND CREW:

- 4.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors. Competitors are responsible for damage to borrowed boats. Each boat has been assigned a Legend. It is the responsibility of the skipper to follow the advice and direction of the Legend to ensure the safety of the boat and crew.
- 4.2 Boats for each day will be assigned to each skipper by random drawing during the Competitors Meeting. The race committee will take appropriate measure to ensure each skipper will sail on a different boat the second day.
- 4.3 Each skipper will bring one to two crew, approved before-hand by the race committee. Crew may not be substituted without written approval by the race committee.
- 4.4 Shroud tensions for the fleet will be set by FWBC as directed by the race committee at the beginning of each day, as posted on the notice board.

Competitors shall not modify their borrowed boats or cause them to be modified in any way except:

- a Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
 - b Hulls may be cleaned with water only.
 - c Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line
 - d fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted (with the exception of shroud tensions) may be adjusted.
- 4.5 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
 - 4.6 No electronic equipment or devices, other than timers or watches used for timing and VHF radios, will be used while on the water during the event.
 - 4.7 The penalty for not complying with one or the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken, or in the case of an infraction before or between race, a disqualification in the subsequent race.
 - 4.8 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
 - 4.9 In the case of breakdown, at the sole discretion of the race committee, boats may receive material assistance from the race committee or their designate. Boats requiring assistance shall inform the race committee as soon as is practicable. Failure to provide assistance is not grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 41.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from yardarm at the Club or from the RC signal boat if docked in the host club harbor.
- 5.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 Six or more races are scheduled.
- 6.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta. Schedule:
- 6.3 Friday, March 1, 2024:

1700 – 2200 Meet and Greet with Live Music

Saturday, March 2, 2024:

830 Competitor Check-In and Breakfast, Main Clubhouse
915 Legend Meeting, Main Clubhouse
930 Competitor Meeting at the Fort Worth Boat Club Clubhouse (Mandatory for all competitors).
1030 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races Lunch will be served on the water

1 hour after sailing: Meet and Greet with Texas Legends. Dinner and conversation and/or presentations from this weekend's Texas Legends.

Sunday, March 3, 2024:

830 Continental Breakfast, Main Clubhouse
930 Competitor Meeting at the Fort Worth Boat Club Clubhouse (Mandatory for all competitors).
1030 Warning Signal for first race, additional races to follow
After Racing Lunch and Awards Ceremony

6.4 No warning signal will be given after 1300 on Sunday.

6.5 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 0930 on Saturday and Sunday of the regatta is mandatory.

7. CLASS FLAGS:

Numeral Pennant 1 will be used as the class flag.

8. RACING AREAS:

The racing area will be the waters of Eagle Mountain Lake. Boats shall not sail between the marker buoys surrounding the Azle water pump station because of the Regulations of the Tarrant Regional Water District. This area is considered an Obstruction.

9. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack, hail their sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

10. COURSES:

10.1 There may be six (6) types of race courses as defined in Addendum A, Course Diagrams. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "T", "W" or "L"

10.2 For courses L1 and L2, the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.

10.3 For courses W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the RRS, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the race course.

11. MARKS:

- 11.1** Marks will be orange tetrahedrons. Start/Finish marks shall be red/orange spheres. New marks, as provided in SI 11.4 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 11.2** To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark, yellow (SI 11.1) tetrahedron (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.
- 11.3** To maintain course configuration during a race, the RC may make minor adjustments of the course, up to 10 degrees and .10nm, without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE START:

- 12.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins to attract attention.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

13. RECALLS:

The RC intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS (RRS 30) boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

14. THE FINISH:

- 14.1** The finish line for courses W, T and O shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark. This modifies the RRS Race Signals.
- 14.2** The finish line for courses L, L2 and B shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark.

15. TIME LIMIT:

- 15.1** The time limit for each race will be sixty (60) minutes for the first boat to finish. If no boat has complied with RRS 28.1, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.2** The Finishing Window is twenty (20) minutes.
- 15.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4** At its discretion, the RC may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.
- 15.5** If no boat has rounded the first mark within twenty (20) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 16.1** A competitor must notify the Race Committee (RC) of their intent to protest another boat, at the finish line, before talking to a coach or a parent. If this instruction is not followed, the protest will

be found to be invalid. This is in addition to and modifies the requirements of class rules and RRS 60.1(a) and 61.1(a).

- 16.2** Protests forms will be made available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the Judges or their representative. The protest time limit is sixty (30) minutes after the RC signal boat from each Competitors' race course docks.
- 16.3** The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of protest time.
- 16.4** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SI 7, 19, 20 and 21. This changes RRS 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than RRS Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.5** The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.

17. SCORING:

- 17.1** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A2 shall apply, modified so that:
 - 17.1.1 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst
 - 17.1.2 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

Per RRS 55, boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

19. SAFETY:

- 19.1** **RRS 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. See US Sailing Regulation 10. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD. This Changes RRS 64.2.**
- 19.2** A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the RC as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor notifying a member of the RC ashore.
- 19.3** Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an "S-Cutter" tool or harness webbing cutter.

20. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

- 20.1** Support Boats (including coaches and parents) (support boats) shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel 68.
- 20.2** Support boats shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment. The RC, at

its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of RRS 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per RRS 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the current race sailed of all boats associated with the support boat who has violated this provision.

- 20.3** Failure of support boats to keep wakes down, remain outside the race course while boats are racing, may result in the RC limiting where support boats may go during a race.
- 20.4** All support boats that are required by Texas state law, must wear a safety kill-switch lanyard, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a support boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with or is not using a kill switch, the support boat may be subject to protest.

21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT:

- 21.1** Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.
- 21.2** Competitors will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta until such time as they leave the venue for home or the airport.
- 21.3** All competitors, coaches and parents are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

22. PRIZES:

Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

Above all, BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

ATTACHMENT A



Figure 1 – FWBC Facility Layout

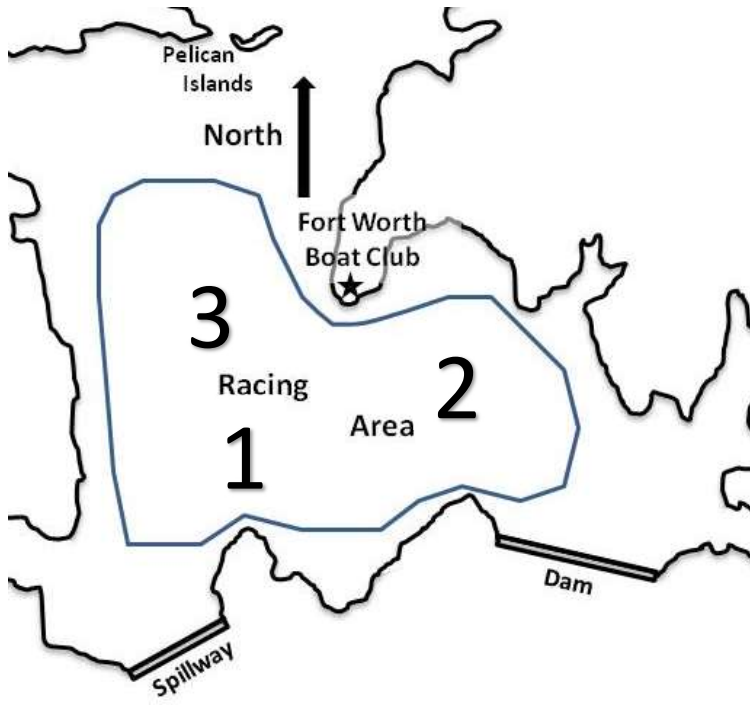


Figure 2 – General Raching Areas

ADDENDUM A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

	Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	W	Start – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W2	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W3	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p>		

	Course T – Triangle, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	T	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
	T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

	Course O (Olympic) – Triangle, Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	O	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

		Course L (Leeward Finish) – Windward, Leeward Finish	
		<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L	Start – 1* – Finish	<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p>	

		Course L2 (Leeward Gate/Finish) – Windward, Leeward Gate – Windward - Finish	
		<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L2	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish	<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p>	

		Course B – Box, Reach Finish	
		<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
B	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish		